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SUBJECT: FOREIGN RELATIONS: AVEROFF-ISIK COMMENTS ON GREEK-  
TURKISH RELATIONS

1. THE GREEK MEDIA REPORTED OVER THE PAST TWO DAYS THAT  
DURKISH DEFENSE MINISTER HASAN ISIK, SPEAKING ON TURKISH  
RADIO THIS PAST WEEKEND, HAD WELCOMED REMARKS BY DEFENSE  
MINISTER AVEROFF THAT UNDERSTANDING, COOPERATION AND FRIENDSHIP  
WERE ESSENTIAL IN RELATIONS BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY. AVEROFF  
MADE THIS STATEMENT IN AN ADDRESS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS  
OF THE HIGHER WAR COLLEGE IN THESSALONIKI AUGUST 3. HE POINTED  
OUT THAT FRIENDSHIP AND COLLABORATION WITH TURKEY HAD CHARACTERIZED  
RELATIONS TWICE IN THE PAST -- IN 1930 AND 1960 -- WHICH MEANT  
IT WAS POSSIBLE AGAIN. HOWEVER, TURKISH CHAUVANISM, THE CREATION  
OF FAITS ACCOMPLIS AND THE ABSENCE OF A SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING  
MADE THIS DIFFICULT TODAY. THEREFORE GREECE MUST MAINTAIN A  
STRONG ARMY TO DEFEND ITS NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND HONOR.

2. ISIK WAS REPORTED AS RESPONDING THAT WHILE  
"RELATIONS WITH GREECE ARE NOT AT A DESIRED LEVEL, I DO NOT THINK  
THAT TRANSFORMING THEM INTO THEIR FORMER FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE  
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WILL PROVE TO BE SO DIFFICULT." HE CALLED FOR BOTH COUNTRIES  
TO PUT ASIDE THEIR DIFFERENCES AND DECIDE HOW "THEIR RIGHTS AND  
RESPONSIBILITIES IN CYPRUS AND ESPECIALLY THE AEGEAN, ARE TO BE  
SHARED IN A JUST WAY."

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